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The following foreign references are not in the English language:

- (1) CH 457,230;
- (2) DE 605 957;
- (3) DE 34 09 246 A1;
- (4) DE 298 01 626 U1;
- (5) FR 1,335,110; and
- (6) IT 604340.

Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), an English translation of the entire patent or an English translation of the abstract, from Derwent, are attached to these references, which are enclosed, to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

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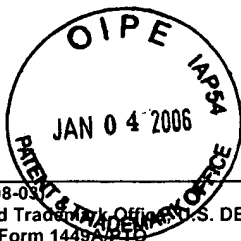
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